

of don't normally have trouble, as Senator Chambers pointed out, the kids at Westside. They have nothing, no reason, no physical reason to want to use drugs. They have everything they need, plenty of money, nice homes, probably drive nice automobiles, but they use drugs, not with all the publicity that some others do, but they use them. But the point is that unless you can find some way to discourage that traffic it's going to continue. I think you've got to look at it on a broader basis, you've got to better the education program. William Buckley, one of the most conservative men I know, wrote an article here a while back, and I want to be careful when I paraphrase it because otherwise somebody is going to say, Schmit suggested legalizing the use of...the sale of drugs. But Buckley made the comment, very loosely paraphrased, that no politician can get elected who supports the legalization of drugs. But he said, we tried everything else and we haven't been able to make it work. Maybe that's time to try something like that. I don't agree, but I want to make it clear that when William Buckley goes that far that he is really concerned about anything else we ever tried being made to work. We pass LB 592, in the present form, and by itself it will not reduce the number of youngsters using drugs. It will not reduce, by itself, the availability of drugs. But, if you give law enforcement the tools, I believe they can help reduce the use of drugs. I'll be very frank, I called Colonel LeGrande and told him what I was going to do.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The Highway Patrol had to testify neutral, I believe, on the bills. The Governor is committed to, and very much opposed, she is, to drugs. But it was my understanding that the Governor would not support my bills, and I don't blame her for that, she has her own methods, and she has every right to her own methods of fighting the drug abuse problem. But I suggest that I have had more experience in this area than has the Governor. I suggest that I have seen more attempts at stopping drug abuse than most of you in this body, and I suggest that I know some things have worked and some things have not worked. And one of the things you learn in education, and there are those of you in here who are in education, is if you do not learn from those with experience then you're going to flounder around for a while. I'm suggesting that you can make a difference. I'm suggesting that given the proper tools, and I suggest you go back and think seriously and talk seriously to the Highway Patrol,...